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# THE DAILY BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### NEWLY ESTABLISHED TRIBAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT SEEKS INTERESTED TRIBAL MEMBERS

Char Koosta News (09/06/07)

PABLO — On June 19, 2007 the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Tribal Council passed a resolution to establish the first Flathead Nation Tribal Conservation District (FNTCD), defined by the exterior boundaries of the Flathead Indian Reservation and authority of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Indian Nation.

### LITTLE SHELL CHIPPEWA TO MEET ON FEDERAL RECOGNITION

AP, Montana Standard (09/07/07)

BUTTE — An informational meeting regarding the status of the Little Shell Chippewa Federal Recognition will be held on Saturday, September 15, at Bigback Silkscreening, 66 West Park, Butte, MT.

Please plan to attend, as these meetings will discuss the upcoming visit of Dr. Kimberly Cook from the Office of Federal Acknowledgement, who will be doing a site visit for the Final Determination of our petition.

For more information, contact Little Shell Tribal Office at 452-2892.

### VICTORY: CHIPPY CREEK FIRE 100% CONTAINED

By Maggie Plummer , Char Koosta News (09/06/07)

It took a month of serious effort, but on Monday firefighters were finally victorious in completely containing the 99,090-acre Chippy Creek Fire burning in the northwest corner of the Flathead Reservation.

The fire, the largest wildland blaze in Montana, took off on July 31, and its cause is still under investigation. To date, battling the blaze has cost almost \$18 million dollars.

Elsewhere on the reservation, four man-caused fires flared up this past week, but, thankfully, were put out right away.

### BIA AND SAFETY OF DAMS PROPOSE DAM ROAD CLOSURES

By Maggie Plummer , Char Koosta News (09/06/07)



This is the steel pipe gate at Hubbard Dam, after the spring 2005 small explosive incident there. (photo courtesy of Mike Brown, Safety of Dams)

PABLO — The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), in cooperation with the Tribes' Safety of Dams (SOD) Program, is proposing to close seven dam-top roads on the Flathead Reservation, for security reasons.

Pablo Dam, Kicking Horse Dam, Ninepipe Dam, Mission Dam, McDonald Dam, Upper Dry Fork Dam, and Tabor Dam are included in the proposal, which calls for public walk-in access and vehicle access on alternate roads.

These dams were chosen among the reservation's 17 earthen dams because of their high water flow and the potential hazard to downstream populations, should the dams fail.

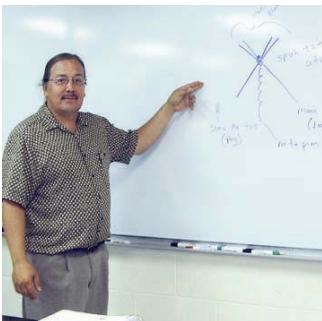
### **ROCKY BOY CLINIC INSTALLS COMPUTER AIDED LUNG CANCER DETECTION SYSTEM**

Char Koosta News (09/07/07)

The Rocky Boy Clinic recently installed a computer aided detection (CAD) system that assists radiologists in identifying early stage lung cancer. Representative Jonathan Windy Boy and Governor Schweitzer were involved in securing this state of the art equipment for the Rocky Boy Clinic. Riverain Medical LLC, a medical software technology company headquartered in Dayton, Ohio, donated the system known as RapidScreen(r) to the clinic. RapidScreen(r) is a computer-aided detection system that identifies regions of interest on chest x-rays as suspicious nodule sites, an important indicator of early-stage lung cancer. The computer does not detect disease independently, but rather serves as a tool to assist the radiologist in identifying pulmonary nodules that could be early-stage lung cancer.

### **LEO BIRD JR. WINS \$6,500 MILKEN GRANT, GOAL TO TEACH LODGE BUILDING TO STUDENTS**

By JOHN MCGILL, Glacier Reporter (09/05/07)



Browning High School teacher Leo Bird Jr. has been awarded a \$6,500 community service grant from the Milken Festival for Youth program to be used to assist the high school students in learning the time-honored tradition of

designing and constructing the Blackfeet Tribe's central dwelling unit, the lodge (or teepee) from the two remaining elders able to pass down the oral instructions.

Through a hands-on process in which the students will actually construct five different lodges, they will come to

understand that their ancestors were home economists, mathematicians and scientists. The lodges will become an integral part of a new cultural interpretative center. This intergenerational project will strengthen the youth's appreciation for the wisdom of their elders and their rich ancestral history.

### **BLACKFEET PLANNING DEPT. RECEIVES GRANT TO STUDY IMPACT OF RED EAGLE FIRE IN DIVIDE CREEK AREA**

By JOHN MCGILL, Glacier Reporter (09/05/07)

"The grant is part of the post-Red Eagle Fire impact study," said Blackfeet Planning Director Stu Miller Tuesday, Sept. 4. Miller referred to a grant for \$50,000 his department has received that will fund a preliminary engineering report to assess damages and suggest solutions for the Divide Creek area, burned last year in the Red Eagle Fire.

"It's an engineering investigation and analysis of the Red Eagle Fire's impacts to Divide Creek's channel stability and bull trout habitat," Miller continued. "The fire destroyed much of the ground cover from the areas that drain into Divide Creek. The Tribe has already performed some erosion control activities, including spreading weed-free straw along some areas along Divide Creek to prevent erosion, and we took steps to control erosion on trails used by loggers and others."

Miller said the \$50,000 grant will allow his department to identify steps needed to correct the damage found at Divide; then they will start looking for funding sources to supply the remedies.

### **CONGRESSMEN PROPOSE COAL-TO-LIQUIDS PLANT AT MALMSTROM**

By The Associated Press - 09/07/2007

WASHINGTON (AP) — Montana's congressional delegation met with a top U.S. Air Force official Thursday to discuss the possibility of a coal-to-liquids plant at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls.

Republican Rep. Denny Rehberg and Democratic Sens. Max Baucus and Jon Tester met with William Anderson, assistant secretary for installations, environment and logistics, about a possible new mission that would use

clean coal technology to turn coal into jet and other types of fuel.

The proposed energy mission could bring more than 1,000 jobs to Great Falls, Baucus and Tester said in a release.

### **LAPIER APPOINTED PRE-DOCTORAL STUDENT**

By JOHN MCGILL, Glacier Reporter (09/05/07)

Rosalyn LaPier was selected for an appointment as a pre-doctoral short-term visiting student at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington DC from Aug. 19-Sept. 16. Rosalyn is a PhD candidate in history at the University of Montana. JoAllyn Archambault, the director of the American Indian program at the National Museum of Natural History, is serving as Rosalyn's host and principal advisor while she is in residence at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC. Rosalyn's dissertation will focus on the traditional ecological knowledge of the Blackfeet.

While at the Smithsonian, she will conduct research at the National Anthropological Archives which houses field notes and papers of John C. Ewers, Truman Michelson, Esther Goldfrank and other ethnohistorians who interviewed Blackfeet elders in the early 20th century. These early ethnohistorians interviewed many of the most knowledgeable tribal elders about Blackfeet history, social lifeways and society, and their knowledge is recorded in field notes (in both Blackfeet and English) that are now housed in the Smithsonian.

### **RENEWABLE FUELS, ENERGY EFFICIENCY OFFER CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE JOB PROSPECTS**

By JERRY REYNOLDS, Indian Country Today © (09/07/07)

WASHINGTON - When Daniel Wildcat announced a "red alert" from Mother Earth at the National Museum of the American Indian's Live Earth event July 7, he wasn't thinking first and foremost about jobs. He was issuing an urgent summons to save the planet from an environmental crisis that "might honestly be called global burning." He identified the cause as a combination of powerful technology and its unwise application to nature, undermining human companionship with their unique ecological settings.

"Too many of our leaders unrealistically think humankind

stands above and independent of the rest of the natural world," Wildcat, a scholar teaching at Haskell Indian Nations University, of Euchee descent, offered in a written version. "This misguided notion holds that humankind can always rise above the forces of nature through our rationality and use of technology. This is wrong.

"Fortunately, tribal elders possess world views and lifeways [including technologies] closely tied to the unique environments where they have lived.

### **GRIM NOMINATION AT IHS IS WITHDRAWN**

By Jerry Reynolds / Indian Country Today © (09/07/07)

WASHINGTON - The unexpected withdrawal of Dr. Charles W. Grim's nomination to direct the IHS for another four years left plenty of speculation in its wake.

The Sept. 5 announcement caught Washington's Indian affairs community by surprise. A number of health care professionals were waiting to know more shortly after word got around near midday. In the meantime Thomas Sweeney, director of public affairs for IHS, said Grim's withdrawal had to do with family needs.

### **JOHNSON O'MALLEY GRANTS PROVIDE CULTURAL TRANSITIONS**

By Jerry Reynolds / Indian Country Today © (08/30/07)

WASHINGTON - Disappointment ran deep in Indian country last winter when President George W. Bush proposed a budget that would have eliminating federal funding of the Johnson O'Malley program. The administration gave the same reason for the cutback that the Department of Interior Appropriations subcommittee in the House of Representatives had dismissed the previous year as "completely unfounded" - namely, that other government programs provide funding for the same purposes through the Department of Education.

The subcommittee this year, in its report accompanying a House bill on Indian education, states that the administration's attempt to pay for increases in funding the transportation costs of Indian education and a student tracking system by decreasing funding for other programs, including JOM, is "clearly disingenuous and

feckless." The report implores the president to stop zeroing out the JOM budget.

## **JOB VACANCIES:**

**RECEPTIONIST**, POSITION #61403802, State of Montana, Department of Administration, Helena. Salary \$16,747. Functions as the front office receptionist, mail clerk and administrative support for the division. Application deadline: Monday September 17, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. For a complete vacancy announcement contact our website at [http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P\\_EMP\\_R\\_ID\\_SEQ=48576&P\\_JORD\\_APPL\\_SEQ=249](http://statejobs.mt.gov/pls/mjs/MJS0110W.QueryView?P_EMP_R_ID_SEQ=48576&P_JORD_APPL_SEQ=249)

## **GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **BOOTSTRAP MONTANA - MICRO-LOAN FUNDS AVAILABLE**

September 6, 2007

TechRanch, in partnership with the Gianforte Family Charitable Trust, announces the new Bootstrap Montana Micro-Loan Program and the Bootstrap Montana Entrepreneurship Series [www.bootstrapmontana.org](http://www.bootstrapmontana.org). TechRanch [www.techranch.org](http://www.techranch.org) is proud to partner with this private foundation set up by Greg Gianforte, President and CEO of Bozeman-based RightNow Technologies, to administer a new micro-loan fund for entrepreneurs in rural Montana. This initiative is the first of its kind to target Montana's under-served rural communities to spur economic growth with \$100,000 in loan funds available immediately. Loans will be made in amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 and are meant to assist rural Montana companies in accelerating revenue growth. These loans will be offered at 0% interest for the first year and targeted at rural Montana businesses. Those interested can find out more at the Bootstrap Montana website and can apply for a loan on line as well.

The Bootstrap Montana Entrepreneurship Series consists of three educational seminars that will take place in Conrad, Miles City and Whitefish beginning March 2008. Each of these seminars will be open to Montana entrepreneurs who want to learn about the components of bootstrapping a business. Bootstrapping is a business development philosophy focused on growing a company with little or no use of investor capital. Given the lack of investment capital in the State, this is an ideal business strategy for many Montana companies. Topics such as sales, marketing, hiring, and customer service will be taught by seasoned entrepreneurs and business experts. Greg Gianforte will deliver a portion of the educational content personally. It is not required that applicants for loans under the Bootstrap Montana Micro-Loan Program attend an educational seminar.

About TechRanch: The TechRanch mission is to help Montana based entrepreneurs launch and build companies that will become long term, profitable

operating entities in Montana. As a result, our state's economy is more stable, diversified, innovative and competitive. TechRanch uniquely supports entrepreneurial ventures in industries that are critical to Montana. For more information, contact Gary Bloomer at 406.556.0272

### **MONTANA ROTARY SEEKS NATIVE AMERICANS FOR MEXICAN GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

Montana's Rotary Clubs are offering a unique opportunity for four Montana Native Americans to join in a cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business professions to Mexico.

The program, known as a Group Study Exchange (GSE), involves travel to the Mexican states of Tlaxcala, Puelba, Morelos and Guerrero.

The team will include four Native American members, and Native American team leader. During the exchange program, the team will learn about lifestyles, government, cultural activities and education systems of the indigenous cultures in Mexico

This GSE trip is open to four American Indians of Montana, ages 25-40, who are not members of Rotary. The program provides travel grants for participants. The team will leave January 10 and return on February 20, 2008. The Rotary Foundation or the Montana Rotary Clubs pays all expenses, except personal expenses.

During the trip the team members study Mexico's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced in the host country, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas.

**For more information, contact Tina Begay**, Executive Director, American Indian Business Leaders (National Headquarters), Gallagher Business Building, Suite 366, Missoula, MT 59812, (406) 243-4879, or by e-mail at [tina.begay@aibl.org](mailto:tina.begay@aibl.org).

*Rotary is an international association of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, promote high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary has 1.2 million members, and has clubs in most Montana cities and towns.*

## EVENTS/TRAINING:

### E580 - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

March 10-14, 2008

#### Course Description:

This course provides tribal leaders with a basic understanding of emergency management principles and their role in leading and directing their Tribes in implementing comprehensive emergency management systems.

#### Specific topics include:

- Federal, state, tribal, and local partnership in emergency management.
- Getting a program started.
- Concept of emergency management and the four phases.
- Definition and analysis of hazards.
- Resources for emergency management available at the tribal, state, and federal level, as well as from the private sector.
- Developing an emergency operations plan.
- Comprehensive emergency management, its elements, and the appropriate role taken by the emergency manager.
- Meeting the challenges for upgrading and sustaining emergency management capabilities.

Selection Criteria: Tribal government officials who can lead and direct their jurisdictions in implementing comprehensive emergency management systems.

#### Prerequisites:

Required: None.

Recommended: None.

Course Length: 4½ days

CEUs: 3.1.

To apply click here: <http://training.fema.gov/Apply/>